



Guam Department of Public Health & Social Services
Bureau of Community Health Services
Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Program (SVPEP)



Fact Sheet

The Guam Department of Public Health & Social Services (DPHSS) Bureau of Community Health Services (BCHS) provides services and activities from the Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Program (SVPEP).

- SVPEP is funded by the centers for Disease Control (CDC) under cooperative agreement #5VF1CE001130-05.
- SVPEP Community partners includes the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence (GCASA & FV), Island Girl Power, Inafa Maolek, Oasis Empowerment Program the University of Guam. Other partners include the Guam Community College, the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) the Guam Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse (DMHSA), and the Guam Office of Minority Health (GOMH).
- Point of contact for the SVPEP Program within DPHSS is Roselie V. Zabala, Administrator, BCHS (671-735-7305), and Al Silverio, Program Coordinator, Guam Office of Minority Health (GOMH 671-635-7474).
- The Guam SVPEP program promotes community mobilization, policy change and coalition building to address rape prevention.
- Rape Prevention and Education trainings for professionals are provided under the SVPEP.
- Guam SVPEP works in partnership with the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) to collect data and surveillance monitoring related to rape and at-risk youth on Guam.
- The Guam SVPEP also works with faith-based organizations in addressing rape prevention in targeted at-risk communities.
- Activities and services provided by the Guam SVPEP are provided under a strong framework of Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS).

In a series of capacity-building, technical assistance and funding support, the Guam DPHSS GOMH has supported the Sexual Violence Prevention and Education (SVPEP) program in linkages with the community. The linkages include stakeholders, victims, community-based organizations, private entities, government organizations and professional service providers.

In 2011, this relationship was very active and effective in bringing sexual and domestic violence issues to more people at-risk for rape. The SVPEP also ensures Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in ending health disparities on Guam and the Pacific. GOMH also features a resource center in the Northern Regional Community Health Center (NRCHC) with materials and resources for sexual violence prevention and education efforts. For more information, please contact Al Silverio, DPHSS OMH Program Coordinator at 635-7474 or via alex.silverio@dphss.guam.gov.